MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH SYNOD

OF THE

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN MINISTERIUM

OF THE

State of New-York,

AND

ADJACENT STATES AND COUNTRIES,

Convened in the Lutheran Church at Wurtemberg, Dutchess County, under the Pastoral charge of Rev. C. A. Smith, on the 10th and following days of September, 1842.

COOPERSTOWN:
H. & E. PHINNEY.

1842.

FORTY-SEVENTH SYNOD

Of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States and Countries, convened in Wurtemberg, Dutchess county, New York.

SATURDAY, 10*th September*, 1842.

Pursuant to resolution thirty-third of the Forty-Sixth Synod, the clerical members of the Ministerium, and lay delegates from congregations, assembled in the Ev. Lutheran Church at Wurtemberg, Dutchess county, under the pastoral care of Rev. C. A. Smith. Rev. J. C. Duy preached at 3 o'clock, P. M. from 40th Psalm, 163d verse.

SUNDAY, 11*th September*, 1842.

At 10 o'clock, A. M. a very large congregation assembled in the Church, when the President delivered the Synodical sermon from 1st Corinthians, 3d chap. 18v. After a short intermission, the Rev. Geo. Kempe preached in the German language from Matthew 6 chap. 25 vs. At the same hour Rev. Messrs. Duy and D. Miller preached in neighboring churches, and Rev. J. Few Smith in the afternoon. At 3 o'clock, P. M. the Secretary preached in the church from Isaiah 26 chap. 20 vs.

In the evening the President preached on the subject of temperance at Lower Red Hook.

FIRST SESSION, MONDAY, 12*th September*, 1842.

The President called the house to order, and opened the meeting with singing and prayer. Upon registering the names, the Synod was found to be constituted of the following members :

1.	Rev.	H. N. POHLMAN, President,	*New Germantown.*
2.	"	W. D. STROBEL, Secretary,	*Hartwick Seminary.*
3.	"	P. F. MAYER, D.D.	*Philadelphia.*
4.	"	A. WACKERHAGEN, D.D.	*Clermont, Columbia county.*
5.	"	H. I. SMITH,	*Gettysburg, Pa.*
6.	"	JOHN EISENLORD.	*Warterloo.*
7.	"	C. A. SMITH,	*Rhinebeck.*
8.	"	J. F. WINKLER,	*Newark, N. J.*
9.	"	R. COLLIER,	*New Hampton, N. J.*
10.	"	N. W. GEORTNER,	*Lower Red Hook.*
11.	"	D. MILLER,	*Still Valley, N. J.*
12.	"	A. WETZEL,	*New London, Oneida co.*
13.	"	S. DEDERICK,	
14.	"	E. MEYER,	*New York.*
15.	"	J. MULHAUSER,	*Rochester.*
16.	"	C. F. E. STOHLMAN,	*New York.*
17.	"	J. C. DUY,	*Saddle River, N. J.*
18.	"	R. DEDERICK,	*Valatie.*
19.	"	WM. SHARTS,	*Hudson.*
20.	"	GEORGE KEMPE,	*Boston.*
21.	"	CHAS. MARTIN,	*New York.*
22.	"	C. RECHENBERG,	*Syracuse.*
23.	"	F. G. MASHHOP,	*Newark.*
		ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.	
24.	"	J. F. G. UHL,	*Churchtown, excused.*
25.	"	J. W. STARMAN,	*Waldoboro', do.*
26.	"	G. B. MILLER,	*Aquackanock, do.*
27.	"	F. G. MAYER,	*Albany, do.*
28.	"	H. HAYUNGA,	*Williamsburg, U.C. do.*

29.	"	F. H. GUENTHER,	*Buffalo,*	*excused.*
30.	"	W. F. VEIL,	*North Boston,*	*do.*
31.	"	W. A. FETTER,	*Lockport,*	*do.*
32.	"	P. H. DENNLER,	*Lyons,*	*do.*
33.	"	F. W. GEISSENHAINER,	*New York.*	

CANDIDATES PRESENT.

1.	Rev.	GEO. SAUL,	*Albany.*
2.	"	J. F. SMITH,	*Valatie.*
3.	"	H. WHEELER,	*Churchtown.*

CANDIDATE ABSENT.

4.	Rev.	C. F. SOLDAN,	*Rochester.*

LAY DELEGATES.

1.	"	DAVID KLINE,	*N. Germ'town & Ger. Val.*
2.	"	MICHAEL D. PULTZ,	*Wurtemberg.*
3.	"	P. HUBNER,	*Rhinebeck.*
4.	"	BENJ. SCHULTZ,	*Valatie.*
5.	"	C. FINE,	*Greenwich.*
6.	"	WM. WINTER,	*Saddle River.*
7.	"	JOHN F. GARDNER,	*St. James, New York.*
8.	"	ADAM D. PULTZ,	*Churchtown.*
9.	"	JACOB LASHER,	*Germ'town & Livings.*

COMMISSIONERS.

10.	"	GEO. P. SCHUFELDT,	*Ghent.*
11.	"	GEO. LOCKNER,	*German Cong. Albany.*
12.	"	H. BOEHMLER,	*Lyons.*
13.	"	C. F. SYFFERMANN,	*Boston.*

The President, as soon as the Synod was organized, read his annual report. [See Appendix A.]

I. *Resolved*, That the report be accepted, and laid on the table.

II. *Resolved*, That we proceed to the election of Treasurer to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. Jacob Berger; upon counting the ballots the Rev. N. W. Goertner was declared duly elected.

III. *Resolved*, That Rev. Charles Martin, of the Synod of Virginia, be received as a member of this body.

IV. *Resolved*, That Rev. Hiram Wheeler, a licentiate of the Hartwick Synod, be received as a member of this.

The following Brethren were invited to take seats as advisory members:

Rev. Levi Sternberg,	Delegate of Hartwick Synod,
" Thomas Lape,	of Hartwick Synod,
" Mr. Trimper,	Synod of the West,
" Mr. George Neff,	Assistant Teacher. Hartwick Sem.
" Col. P. N. Bonesteel,	Lower Red Hook.

V. *Resolved*, That the case of Mr. Soldan be referred to the Ministerium.

Excuses for non-attendance were received and noted on the roll.

Letters and other business to be brought before the body were called for.

Minutes of the following Synods were laid on the table: Pennsylvania, West Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Hartwick, Synod of the West. The President gave them for examination to the following committee: Rev. Messrs. Collier, Eisenlord, S. Dederick, Kempe, E. Meyer, Messrs. Fine and J. F. Gar ner.

Parochial reports were then presented, as exhibited in the following table:

PASTORS.	No. Churches.	BAPTISMS		Confirmation.	Admitted from other churches.	No. individ. who have partaken of Lord's Supper.	No. entitled to Communion.	No. removed.	No. deaths membs	No. fun'ls attended	SUNDAY SCHOOLS		Cand. for Confirm.	POST OFFICES.
		Infants.	Adults.								Teachers.	Scholars.		
Rev. Philip F. Mayer, D.D	1	63	6	16	4	249					48	403		Philadelphia,
" A. Wackerhagen, D.D.	2	131	2	18	25	206	336	4	10	26			10	Clermont, Columbia county, N. Y.
" F. G. Mayer,	1	18		3					5					Albany,
" H. N. Pohlman,	3	22		8	1	215	256	4	1	10	19	82		New Germantown, Hunterdon co., N. J.
" N. W. Geortner,	2	22	4	14		160			8	19	18	70		Lower Red Hook, Dutchess county, N.Y.
" J. W. Starman,	1	11	1			165			13	6				Waldoborough, Maine.
" R. Collier,	1	27	2	8		79			1	9				New Hampton, Hunterdon county, N. J.
" J. Eisenlord,	2	14				49			2		10	40	3	Warterloo, Seneca county, New York.
" C. F. E. Stohlman,	1	245		52		776								Bayard street, New York.
" Wm. A. Fetter,	3	22		16	20	204			4				15	Lockport, New York.
" Charles Martin,	1	25	4	14	9	105		2	2	19	14	50		New York, 173 Grand street.
" A. Wetzel,	3	47		16		290		23	6	11				New London, Oneida county, New York
" F. G. Mashhop,	1	64		7		161			6	9	15	50		Newark, New Jersey.
" J. Mulhauser,	1	24		11		124			2	4	7	60		Rochester, New York.
" George J. Kempe,	1	21		7		185	225	9	3	8	8	45		Boston, Mass.
" J. C. Duy,	2	18		54		174	174	1		7	14	112		New Prospect, Bergen county, N. J.
" D. Miller,	1	53	4	34		180	209	1	2	30				Still Valley, Warren county, N. J.
" R. Dederick,	1	16	1	1		97	137		3	20	10	60		Valatie, Columbia county, N. Y.
" Reckenberg,	1	26		4		150	200		2	11	1	23		Syracuse.
" George Saul,	1	69		29		250		1	11	21	6	35		Albany.
" William Sharts,	3	36		20		183	332		4		36	186		Hudson.
Ghent Church,	1	32		8		92	120		11					
St. Thomas Church, Churchtown,	1	16	7	43		210	300		20					
" P. H. Dennler,	1	23		6		141	170	2	3	8	1	16		Lyons, Wayne county.
" C. A. Smith,	1	7	1	1		80								Rhinebeck, Dutchess county, N. Y.

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MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

Rev. Dr. *Mayer* states, that in connection with his Pastoral charge, there are, one Infant School, one Congregational Sunday School, one branch School in Moyamensing. For the Bible Society of Pennsylvania—for Missions, Domestic and Foreign—for our Dorcas Society—for assistance to a church—for the support of Students of Divinity—for the publication of Tracts, and for the foundation of other Sunday Schools, we have collected $1,100.

Rev. Dr. *Wackerhagen.* My congregations are increasing in number of members; public worship is laudably attended; instruction is sought; the bible read, temperance promoted, and true piety growing more and more.

Rev. *F. G. Mayer.* A more particular account of Ebenezer Church cannot, at present, be given. We have endeavored to exhibit a spirit of christian charity towards our German brethren, and as a proof thereof, presented them with $300, from the church funds and individual contributions, to aid them in the purchase of a church.

Rev. *H. N. Pohlman.* We have collected sixty-two dollars at the monthly concert for Foreign Missions.

Rev. *J. Eisenlord.* The state of religion has improved, not only in my congregation, but also in the neighborhood. My congregation wishes to be connected with this body, but according to one of our rules, it must be deferred for the present.

Rev. *C. F. E. Stohlman.* Besides a Day School, under the care of three teachers, in which the young are pre[illegible] for confirmation, and the regular catechetical instruction given b[illegible]yself on Sunday, there have been, for some time past, two Sunday Schools, and a day school organized in the upper part of the city, being the first enterprise undertaken by a newly formed Missionary Society, which assembles every Wednesday evening for public worship. In the day school, from fifty to sixty poor children are instructed at the expense of the society, in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Besides, public worship is held in the capacious hall of this school, every Sunday evening, at the expense of said society.

Rev. *Charles Martin.* Besides the regular services of twice preaching on the Lord's day, the congregation assembles in the evening in the capacity of a Social Prayer Meeting. There is also a Bible Class, which meets once a week, and a weekly lecture is regularly held. In addition to the small sum sent to Synod, $50 have been given to the Am. Board of Com. for Foreign Missions. The spiritual prospects of the congregation are encouraging. Although the number admitted during the last ten months is small, yet, as far as we are able to judge, they are hopeful subjects of Divine Grace. We hope the day is not far distant, when, through the mercy of God, richer displays of Divine Grace shall be bestowed upon us.

Rev. Mr. *Mashhop.* I am beginning to establish a congregation in Elizabethtown, New Jersey. We have a Missionary Society, and $83,09 have been collected for Missionary and Education purposes.

Rev. *J. C. Duy.* I feel it due to God and the Church to remark, that during the past season both of my churches have been blessed with a revival of religion, which has resulted in the addition of fifty-four members; and we trust in the spiritual improvement of those who

were professors before. Two Prayer Meetings are in operation. The Sunday Schools are in an interesting state, and the public services of God's house are well attended. The congregations have just completed a neat and commodious *parsonage*, and have raised besides, twenty-five dollars for benevolent purposes.

Rev. *George Kempe*. In the spring my congregation was incorporated as the United Evan. Lutheran and Reformed Society, and at the same time bought a church lot for $2050. We have reason to feel that the Lord smiles in mercy upon this little flock. Our meetings are well attended, and the word is not preached in vain. The number of those who worship the Lord in spirit and in truth, is increased from time to time. We have a weekly Prayer Meeting and the monthly Concert of Prayer. We collected last year $40 for Foreign, and $12 for Domestic Missions.

Rev. *R. Dederick*. In consequence of impaired health, I intend to retire from the Pastoral charge of St. Luke's Church on or before the first of November next.

The Secretary regrets his inability to procure translations of several of the reports written in the German language.

Rev. Dr. Mayer, delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod, reported verbally:

That he had attended the meetings of that body, and was received with their usual kindness. That business of much importance had been transacted which has already appeared in the printed reports.—That Rev. Dr. Demme had been appointed delegate to this Ministerium, but he feared that while he greatly desired it, he would be prevented from attending the meeting.

VI. *Resolved*, That the report be accepted.

VII. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. P. F. Mayer, D.D.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen.

Applications were presented by Rev. Messrs. H. Wheeler and J. Few Smith, and Mr. George Neff.

I. *Resolved*, That these applications be referred to a committee of seven.

The following brethren compose the committee: Rev. Messrs. Wackerhagen, D.D., Mayer, D.D., D. Miller, J. C. Duy, Professors Winkler, Smith, Strobel.

II. *Resolved*, That we adjourn. Prayer by Professor Smith.

SECOND SESSION, *Two o'clock, P. M.*

Prayer by the Secretary. Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. Contributions from congregations were handed in.

CONTRIBUTIONS.	Synod.	Miss. & Edu.	Wid.
St. John's Church, Philadelphia,		$60	
Rev. P. F. Mayer, D.D.	$5		$3
Germantown and Livingston,	4	7	
Rev. A. Wackerhagen, D.D.			3
New Germantown and German Valley,	9 25	45	
Rev. H. N. Pohlman,			3
Rev. J. W. Starman,			8
Wurtemburg,	9 50		
Rev. C. A. Smith,			3
Rhinebeck,	5		
Rev. N. W. Geortner,			3
Valatie,	5		
Greenwich, New Jersey,	5		
Saddle River, New Jersey,	3	15	
Rev. A. Wetzel,			3
St. James, New York,	5	20	
Rev. W. A. Fetter,	3		
Rev. John Mulhauser,	2		
Rev. G. B. Miller, D.D.			3
*Rev. P. H. Dennler,	2		3
Rev. W. D. Strobel,	3		3
Rev. H. I. Smith,	1		

The following committee on the Treasurer's accounts was appointed: Rev. Messrs. D. Miller and Geortner, and Mr. Christopher Fine.

VIII. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to report concerning the petition of the Commissioner from Boston:—Rev. Messrs. Winkler, H. J. Smith, and Wetzel.

IX. *Resolved* That a similar committee be appointed to hear the Commissioner from Lyons: Rev. Messrs. Martin, E. Meyer, and R. Dederick.

The delegate to the Hartwick Synod reported, that circumstances permitted him to be only for a short period with these brethren at their recent meeting. That he was received with great kindness, and that their feelings towards us are manifested in the presence of their delegate amongst us to-day. Two candidates were licensed, and a resolution was passed expressive of their sympathies in the recent bereavement sustained by this Ministerium.

X. *Resolved*, That the report be accepted.

The President's report was taken up.

XI. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to present a minute in relation to the death of the Rev. Jacob Berger: Rev. Messrs. H. J. Smith, C. A. Smith, Stohlman.

XII. *Resolved*, That the President's report be adopted.

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*Five dollars for Education at Columbus.

An election was now held for Delegates to the next General Synod, which resulted as follows:—

Primarii.	Secundi.
Clerical Delegates.	*Clerical Delegates.*
Rev. A. WACKERHAGEN, D.D.	Rev. D. MILLER,
" H. N. POHLMAN,	" C. F. E. STOHLMAN,
" W. D. STROBEL	" H. J. SMITH,
" C. A. SMITH,	" J. C. DUY.
Lay Delegates.	*Lay Delegates.*
Col. P. N. BONESTEEL,	CHRISTOR' FINE, Esq.
BENJAMIN SCHULTZ, Esq.	BENJ. OGDEN, M. D.
PHILIP W. ENGS, Esq.	B. C. LASHER, Esq.
DAVID KLINE, Esq.	MADS GRAAH, Esq.

XIII. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock in the morning. Prayer by Rev. D. Miller.

At 4 o'clock, P. M. Rev. C. Martin preached in the church.

There was preaching this evening in the neighborhood, by Rev. John Mulhauser and Rev. G. Saul, in the German language.

THIRD SESSION, Tuesday, 13*th September*, 1842.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Sternberg. Minutes of last session read and adopted.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes of sister Synods, beg leave respectfully to report—From all the minutes we have had before us, we gather the gratifying intelligence of a steady and progressive advance of the cause of vital piety and zealous activity in the great cause of our Master. Our brethren, in general, are actively engaged in promoting the interests of our Zion: Her borders are extending—her churches are multiplying—her institutions prospering—and while the future should stimulate us to action, the past should not be passed over without devout gratitude to the Great Giver of all good.—We have found nothing of special importance relating to the Ministerium. R. COLLIER, Chairman.

XIV. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

The committee on the Treasurer's accounts report—That upon examining the same, they find due by the late Treasurer, the sum of $24,54 to the Synodical Fund. Also, the sum of $52,29 to the Missionary Fund; and a balance of six cents due him from the Education Fund—being a total of $76,77. DANIEL MILLER, Chairman.

Rev. Mr. Trimper was invited to make a statement of the condition of his congregation in Indianapolis.

Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen presented the condition of the German Second Evan. Lutheran Church in Albany. Whereupon

XV. *Resolved*, That those brethren be informed that we are ready to receive them as members of this body whenever they apply, upon their complying with the terms of our Constitution:

XVI. *Resolved*, That the Rev. C. F. E. Stohlman be delegate to the Pennsylvania Synod, and that Rev. Dr. Mayer be his alternate.

XVII. *Resolved*, That Rev. H. N. Pohlman be delegate to the Hartwick Synod, and that Rev. Mr. Geortner be his alternate.

Report of the committee on Hartwick Seminary. [Appendix B.]

XVIII. *Resolved*, That it be accepted.

Report of the Trustees for the Fund of Disabled Clergymen, &c., was presented by the President. [Appendix C.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BOSTON CONGREGATION.

Your committee appointed to hear Mr. Syfferman, the Commissioner from the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Boston, under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Brandau, beg leave to report, that they have informed said Commissioner that the aforesaid congregation will continue to enjoy the privilege of sending a representative to this body, in order to obtain advice and direction respecting their affairs. That there appears to be some prospects of a reconciliation between the conflicting parties, for the speedy consummation of which we fervently pray. But that your committee deem it not only inexpedient, but impracticable, in the present posture of affairs, to take any steps to interfere in the disputes of the two congregations in Boston, or to adopt any active measures with a view to affect a reconciliation, which is so ardently to be desired.

HENRY J. SMITH, Chairman.

XIX. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

XX. *Resolved*, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in the congregation at Livingston's Manor, on the 3d Saturday in Sept., 1843.

XXI. *Resolved*, That the minutes of this Synod be printed in the Lutherische Kirchenzeitung and Hirtenstimme, in the German language.

XXII. *Resolved*, That we adjourn to meet at 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Rev. C. A. Smith.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATIONS.

Your committee have attended to the examination of Mr. George Neff and Mr. J. Few Smith, and take pleasure in reporting, that they are fully satisfied with the evidence they have given of their knowledge of Theology and other subjects required of an effective and useful minister of the Gospel, and therefore recommend that they both receive full license to preach the Gospel and perform other ministerial acts.

With reference to Rev. H. Wheeler, your committee submit the following resolution—that the candidate, in view of his unexceptionable standing as a licentiate of the Hartwick Synod, receive a full license from this Ministerium, with the prospect of ordination as soon after he has taken charge of a congregation as the President of this Ministerium shall deem expedient.

Mr. J. Few Smith having come amongst us under circumstances similar to those of Mr. Wheeler, we would recommend that the same privilege as to ordination be granted to him.

A. WACKERHAGEN, Chairman.

III. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

IV. *Resolved*, That the same provision concerning his ordination be accorded to candidate George Saul.

V. *Resolved*, That the name of C. F. Soldan be stricken from our roll. That his presence in Rochester is without our concurrence, and that he now has no authority from us to perform any ministerial act.

VI. *Resolved*, That we adjourn.

FOURTH SESSION, 2 *o'clock*, *P. M.*

Prayer by Rev. N. W. Geortner. Minutes of last session read and adopted.

The committee on the congregation at Lyons reported, that the commissioner had presented several charges against the Pastor, of which they have made a particular minute; and as the matter more strictly belongs to the Ministerium, they would propose that the whole subject be referred to that body. CHAS. MARTIN, Chairman.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

Rev. A. Wetzel made a statement in reference to his Pastoral charge.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That we recommend the interests of the church in Utica to the attention of our brethren.

XXV. *Resolved*, That vacant congregations be referred to the Ex. Com. of the Missionary Board.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That the Secretary append to the minutes the Law of the State in relation to Church Incorporations. [Appendix D.]

REPORT.

Your committee, appointed to prepare a minute relative to the unexpected death of brother BERGER, appear before you under a deep sense of their entire inability to express the feelings which this afflictive dispensation has excited in their own bosoms, and as they are well persuaded, in the hearts of all who intimately knew that esteemed brother and faithful servant of our common Master. Your committee regard themselves as the organ of this body to express the sincere and heartfelt sympathy and condolence of all the brethren, with the bereaved and afflicted family of our lamented brother, and with the congregation to which he was, during so many years, a faithful pastor, leading them in green pastures and beside still waters, and letting his light shine before them in the paths of righteousness and peace. Your committee would express the conviction that the ardent piety, the fervent and enlightened zeal, the exalted christian virtues, and the affectionate and profitable intercourse and conversation of our departed friend and fellow-laborer, will ever be kept in fresh and sweet remembrance by all the brethren constituting this body —and that all will so cherish his memory as to emulate his virtues, to imitate his faithfulness, his ardent and untiring zeal in the service of our Divine Master, to strive, like him, to be ever at their post, and finally, to fall, like him, in the front of the Lord's host, that we may with him, gather, with our arms full of sheaves, around the Lord of the harvest. It is the hope and prayer of your committee that this unexpected bereavement may be sanctified unto us all, and thus redound to our own growth in grace, to the enlargement of our zeal, the increase of our vigilance, and to the glory of our God. Signed.

H. J. SMITH, Chairman.
C. A. SMITH,
CARL F. E. STOHLMAN.

XXVII. *Resolved*, That the report be adopted.

Mr. David Kline, delegate from New Germantown, called the attention of Synod to the important bearing of the efforts of lay-members upon the interests of the church, and embodied his views in the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

XXVIII. *Resolved*, That our Pastors be recommended to elicit the active exertions of such of their lay-members as would be calculated to promote the great interests of Zion, and the cause of human salvation.

XXIX. *Resolved*, That the President be requested to return our thanks to the congregation for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained among them.

XXX. *Resolved*, That we now adjourn. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Duy.

MINISTERIAL SESSION.

The report of the committee on the Lyons congregation having been considered, it was

VII. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Secretary, A. Wetzel and Rechenberg, be a committee to examine the charges preferred against Rev. P. H. Dennler.*

Adjourned. Prayer by Rev. R. Dederick.

MISSIONARY MEETING.

4 o'clock, P. M.

The congregation having assembled, the exercises were opened with singing and prayer, by Rev. Mr. Martin. The Seeretary made a brief statement of our proceedings, and urged the claims of the missionary and education cause upon the attention of the church. He was followed by Rev. Mr. Mulhauser, in German, and Rev. Mr. Sternberg and Rev. T. Lape, in the English language.

The President then proceeded to set apart Mr. J. Few Smith and Mr. George Neff for the gospel ministry as candidates. After proposing the usual questions, a most solemn and interesting charge was delivered by Rev. Dr. Mayer, under whose pastoral care they had been educated, who also made the concluding prayer.

The President then returned the thanks of Synod to the congregation. After singing the Christian Farewell, the brethren were dismissed with the Apostolical Benediction—In peace we met and parted, and our sorrows for the dead were alleviated by the most kind and fraternal interchange of sympathy with the living.

I certify that the foregoing is a true record of the proceedings of the Forty-Seventh Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium of the State of New York and adjacent States and Countries.

WILLIAM D. STROBEL, Secretary.

At a meeting of the Missionary Board, by filling of vacancies occasioned by death and resignations, the Executive Committee was made to consist of the following members:—Rev. N. W. Geortner, C. A. Smith, C. Martin, B. F. E. Stohlman, Messrs. P. W. Engs, P. N. Bonesteel, B. Schultz.

At a meeting of subscribers to the Widow's Fund, the Rev. H. N. Pohlman was elected Trustee, vice Rev. Jacob Berger. Rev. F. G. Mayer and P. W. Engs were re-elected for the space of three years.

At a subsequent meeting of the Trustees, Rev. N. W. Geortner was elected President; Rev. W. D. Strobel, Secretary; Col P. N. Bonesteel, Treasurer.

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*The committee have exonerated Mr. Dennler from the charges preferred against him.

WM. D. STROBEL.

APPENDIX A.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Beloved Brethren—In presenting a report of the events which have transpired during the past Synodical year, our attention is at once directed to one which has filled all our hearts with heaviness. It has pleased the great Head of the church to remove from the field of warfare to the rewards of victory, one of the standard-bearers of our Zion, our beloved and lamented brother Berger. He fell in the forefront of the battle, with his harness on, and from the midst of the conflict with the adversaries of his Lord, went up to wave the unfading palm, and wear the eternal crown. He sweetly fell asleep in Jesus on the 11th of March, after a severe attack of typhus fever, induced by the multiplicity of his labors in the vineyard of his Master. I was immediately informed of the afflictive event by a communication from our former President, Rev. Dr. Wackerhagen, and took such measures to give testimony of our regard to our deceased brother, as lay within my power, by calling upon the brethren to wear the usual badge of mourning. As soon as the nature of my other duties would permit, I visited his bereaved family and congregations, and authorized our Secretary to take charge of all the monies, certificates, bonds and other documents pertaining to the Treasury. and to act as Treasurer until our present meeting. It now remains for the Ministerium to appoint his successor, and to take such other measures as a regard for his memory and the recollection of his many virtues will suggest. This is not the time nor the place to pronounce his eulogy. You can all bear testimony to his character as the active and indefatigable friend of our missionary institutions, the unflinching advocate of temperance principles, and the tried and useful laborer in the vineyard of his Lord. His eminent financial abilities as the Treasurer of our Ministerium, and agent of our Widow's Fund, are acknowledged by all. But there are some who were admitted to his confidence, and privileged to enjoy his intimate friendship, who alone can speak of the deep mines of affection which filled his heart, the powerful workings of his mind, the purity of his motives, and the enlarged capacities of his soul. And though separated by death from further companionship on earth, his memory will be enshrined in their heart's best affections, and his death will furnish an additional motive to them to toil and labor, and "to be instant in season and out of season," that they may enjoy his companionship in heaven, and enter upon his eternal reward.

The other events of the year may be comprised in short compass. For the sake of reference, I shall, as usual, class them under their appropriate heads. And,

I. *Of Licentiates.*—In the month of January I received a communication from brother Wetzel, recommending for license Mr. Christian Niemann, a student of theology from the University of Halle, who had been laboring for some months with acceptance in the congregation at Lafargeville. The character of his testimonials for soundness of doctrine and purity of life, induced me to give him a license "ad interim," which, according to the provisions of the constitution, he will present for renewal at our present session.

In the month of June a similar application was made to me by the Rev. Dr. Mayer, in behalf of Mr. Joseph Few Smith, jun., a graduate of Yale College, and for the last two years a tutor in the Western Reserve College, Ohio. In view of the testimonials presented, which were highly satisfactory, both as to his abilities and character, I had no hesitation in furnishing him with a license. He will present himself for examination before the Ministerium at its present meeting.

The Rev. G. Saul, who was licensed at our last session, has been laboring during the year, among the German brethren in Albany, and I am gratified to learn has succeeded in securing a church edifice, in which they can hear the word of the Lord, and worship the God of their fathers in their own language.

II. *Removals and Resignations.*—In the month of November the Rev. Edwin Town made application for letters of dismission from this body, for the purpose of attaching himself to another branch of the church of Christ. After some correspondence, as he appeared desirous of uniting himself with the body by whom he was first inducted into the ministry, I gave him letters of dismission to the classis of the German Reformed Church of Philadelphia, and he is consequently no longer a licentiate of this Ministerium.

Under date of March 30th I received an interesting letter from our brother, the Rev. William Sharts, giving a very satisfactory account of the temporal and spiritual condition of his charge at Williamsburg and Osnabruck, U. C. He signifies his intention of leaving these congregations, as his call has nearly expired, and he

is desirous of settling in his native country. It will be necessary to make some provision for that far-distant flock during our present session.

In November I received official notice from the Rev. Charles A. Smith, that he had resigned his situation as agent of the Lutheran Book Company at Baltimore, and entered upon the discharge of clerical duties as Pastor of the congregation at Wurtemburgh. We congratulate our brethren on his entrance upon such an interesting field of ministerial usefulness, and unite with him in the prayer that his labor may not be in vain in the Lord.

III. *Installations.*—Shortly after the adjournment of Synod, in accordance with its 27th resolution, I visited the congregation of St. James in the city of New York, for the purpose of aiding them in their struggles to preserve their christian privileges. I am happy to inform the brethren that arrangements were immediately made to settle a pastor among them. A unanimous call was made upon the Rev. Charles Martin, of the Synod of Maryland, who, in obedience to their request, was solemnly installed by the President as their spiritual guide, on the second Lord's day in November. On this occasion, I was assisted by the Rev. Jacob Duy, who gave the charge to the Pastor, and the whole of the services have produced, as I have reason to believe, the most salutary impressions. It is my ardent prayer that this congregation may soon be established on a firm basis, and that the blessing of the God of our fathers may rest upon it. I herewith present brother Martin's letters of dismission from the Maryland Synod.

On the second Sunday in May the Rev. Charles A. Smith was installed as Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Congregation at Wurtemburgh, with the accustomed solemnities. Though several of the brethren were invited to participate in the exercises, none of them could make it convenient to attend, and the whole of the services of this interesting occasion devolved upon the President. The field of usefulness in this congregation is very promising, and the labors of our brother there are evidently meeting with the divine blessing. Encouraging circumstances abound, which give indications that a bright day is about to dawn. May the Lord establish the work of his hand, and send prosperity.

IV. *Consecrations.*—On the 11th of April, the German Evangelical Lutheran Church erected by the congregation at Syracuse, collected by the labors of the Rev. George Kempe, and now under the pastoral care of the Rev. C. Reckenberg, was solemnly dedicated to the service of God. The dedicatory services were performed by Rev. A. Wetzel, and the sermon on the opening of the church, was preached by the Rev. J. Mulhauser, from Psalms 122d and 5th.

On the 10th of May, as I learn from the public papers, the neat church edifice purchased by the German Lutheran Church in Albany, was set apart and consecrated by appropriate solemnities, to the worship of Almighty God. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. F. Stohlman and E. Meyer. This church is called the "German Second Evangelical Lutheran Church," and is under the pastoral care of our licentiate, Rev. G. Saul.

On the same day, the corner stone of a new church edifice was laid in the village of Rhinebeck, with appropriate solemnities. After an address by the President, conscious that "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it," the beginning of the work was consecrated by the officiating Pastor, brother C. A. Smith, to the great Architect of the Universe, and the exercises closed with prayer by brother N. W. Goertner. We bless God that he hath put it into the hearts of his people there to build a house for his name, and pray that they may be built up a spiritual temple, an habitation of God through the Spirit.

The corner stone of a new church to be erected by our German brethren formerly worshipping in Franklin school house, Boston, now under the pastoral care of the Rev. G. H. Brandau, was laid with the usual services, on the 8th of July. Two discourses were delivered, one in German, by the Pastor, and the other in English, by Professor Sears, of the Newton Theological Institution.

V. *Vacant Congregations.*—In consequence of the death of our lamented brother Berger, the congregations at Ghent and Churchtown, are vacant. I appointed a Conference Meeting there the 1st week in May, which continued during three days, and was attended by the President, Dr. Wackerhagen, and the brethren, Martin, Dederick and Lape. On that occasion a funeral sermon was preached in each of the congregations, by the President, and arrangements made for the supply of their pulpits during the remainder of the Synodical year. They are now commended to the special and immediate attention of the Ministerium. The congregation at Rush, as far as my knowledge extends, is still destitute of a stated ministry. Of the congregation at Friesburg, New Jersey, I have heard nothing, though I have written several times to one of the officers of that church. I have reason to believe, how-

ver, that they have a settled Pastor, the Rev. John Wilcox, of West Pennsylvania.

VI. *Congregational Difficulties.*—I have received during the year, several communications from one of our congregations in the west, and another in the north, requesting me to appoint committees to investigate and settle differences existing among them. But as the Constitution is express in its requirements, and provides that all such cases shall be brought before the Ministerium in Synod convened, I did not feel myself authorised to comply with their request, and referred them to this body at its present session. The difference between the congregation at Lyons and their Pastor, P. H. Dennler, is one vitally important to the well being of the church, and demands the deliberate and prayerful consideration of the Ministerium. The unauthorized intrusion of a former licentiate of this body into the congregation at Rochester, will also require immediate attention. That the Lord may overrule all these untoward events to his own glory and the welfare of his church, is my ardent prayer.

Finally, Brethren, in reviewing the events which have transpired during the past year, we have reason "to thank God and take courage." It is evident that the great Head of the church is still walking in the midst of the golden candlesticks, and by his judgments and mercies exciting us to renewed and increasing exertions in his cause. May we listen to his voice, and may the consideration that the time is short, and the season of reckoning near, be a spur to our activity, and induce us to do quickly, and with all our might, whatsoever we design to do for the benefit of our fellow men. May we walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, and endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. *May we be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

HENRY N. POHLMAN, President.

Wurtemburg, September 12, 1842.

APPENDIX B.

The committee on Hartwick Seminary report, that they attended the late examination and meeting of the Board of Trustees, and it affords them pleasure to testify that in their opinion, the prospects of the Institution have never been more flattering than at present. The wings attached to the Seminary edifice have been finished, and afford accommodations for 45 students, who are all constantly under the supervision of one of the Professors. Fifty-five students have been in attendance during the past year. The Board of Trustees seem determined to spare no efforts to advance the prosperity of the Institution, and have thus far promptly seconded and carried out the judicious suggestions of the Principal. The examination of the students was highly satisfactory, and the literary exercises, in which the members of the Philophronean Society participated, were more than usually interesting. The Rev. W. D. Strobel was chosen to fill the place in the Board of Trustees, vacated by the death of the Rev. Jacob Berger. Although there are no students pursuing a theological course, there are nine in the preparatory department, who intend to study for the ministry. This institution has never presented stronger claims to the patronage of the church, and we commend it with confidence to the continued good wishes and active efforts of all its friends.

CHARLES A. SMITH,
N. W. GOERTNER.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Trustees of the Fund for the Support of Disabled Clergymen, &c.

The President begs leave to state, that in consequence of the death of our Treasurer, he is not able to make a complete report of the state of the fund. That he has examined his accounts, and finds them correct; and that the fund at present will consist of amount reported at last Synod, adding one year's interest at 7 per cent.,—subscriptions due at this meeting, proceeds of sale of Hymn Books for one year, and the sum of $97 received from the Streit Legacy.

WM. D. STROBEL, President.

APPENDIX D.

§ 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the male persons of full age, belonging to any other church, congregation, or religious society, now or hereafter to be established in this State, and not already incorporated, to assemble at

the church, meeting-house, or other place where they statedly attend for divine worship, and, by plurality of voices, to elect any number of discreet persons of their church, congregation or society, not less than three, nor exceeding nine in number, as trustees, to take the charge of the estate and property belonging thereto, and to transact all affairs relative to the temporalities thereof; and that at such election, every male person of full age, who has statedly worshipped with such church, congregation or society, and has formerly been considered as belonging thereto, shall be entitled to vote, and the said election shall be conducted as follows: The minister of such church, congregation or society, or in case of his death or absence, one of the elders or deacons, church wardens or vestrymen thereof, and for want of such officers, any other person being a member or a stated hearer in such church, congregation or society, shall publicly notify the congregation of the time when, and place where, the said election shall be held, at least fifteen days before the day of election; that the said notification shall be given for two successive Sabbaths or days on which such church, congregation or society, shall statedly meet for public worship, preceding the day of election; that on the said day of election, two of the elders or church wardens, and if there be no such officers, then two of the members of the said church, congregation or society, to be nominated by a majority of the members present, shall preside at such election, receive the votes of the electors, be judges of the qualifications of such electors, and the officers to return the names of the persons who, by plurality of voices, shall be elected to serve as trustees for the said church, congregation or society; and the said returning officers shall immediately thereafter certify, under their hands and seals, the names of the persons elected to serve as trustees for such church, congregation or society, in which certificate the name or title by which the said trustees and their successors shall for ever thereafter be called and known, shall be particularly mentioned and described; which said certificate being proved or acknowledged as above directed, shall be recorded as aforesaid; and such trustees and their successors shall also thereupon, by virtue of this act, be a body corporate, by the name or title expressed in such certificate; and the clerk of every county for recording every certificate of incorporation by virtue of this act, shall be entitled to seventy-five cents, and no more.

§ 7. *And be it further enacted*, That no person belonging to any church, congregation or society, intended by the third section of this act, shall be entitled to vote at any election succeeding the first, until he shall have been a stated attendant on divine worship in the said church, congregation or society, at least one year before such election, and shall have contributed to the support of the said church, congregation or society, according to the usages and customs thereof, and that the clerk to the said trustees shall keep a register of the names of all such persons as shall desire to become stated hearers in the said church, congregation or society, and shall therein note the time when such request was made, and the said clerk shall attend all such subsequent elections, in order to test the qualifications of such electors, in case the same should be questioned.

§ 8. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed or taken to give to any trustee of any church, congregation or society, the power to fix or ascertain any salary to be paid to any minister thereof, but the same shall be ascertained by a majority of persons entitled to elect trustees, at a meeting to be called for that purpose, and such salaries, when fixed, shall be ratified by the said trustees, or a majority of them, by an instrument in writing under their common seal, which salary shall thereupon be paid by the said trustees out of the revenues of such church, congregation or society.